NPDES INSPECTION REPORT

CITY OF ABERDEEN, ID WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

March 12, 2012

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(Unless otherwise noted, all details in this inspection report were obtained from conversations with Mr. Richard Mayer who is the Public Works Director for the City of Aberdeen, ID). Mr. Mayer is the certified, lead operator for the City's wastewater treatment plant.

I. Facility Information

Facility Name: City of Aberdeen, ID Wastewater Treatment Plant

(Facility)

Facility Type: Sewage Treatment Plant

Facility Location: 2695 West 1750 South

Aberdeen, ID 83210 Latitude: +42.9416 Longitude: -112.8375

Mailing Address: 33 North Main

Aberdeen, ID 83210

Facility Contacts: Richard Mayer, Public Works Director

Facility Numbers: Ph: (208) 397-4161 (City Hall)

Fax: (208) 397-3431

Permit Number: ID-002017-6

Permit Status: The current permit became effective September 26, 2001

and expired on September 26, 2006. The City reapplied in

September 2006 and the permit is administratively

extended.

SIC Code: 4952

II. Inspection Information

Inspection Date/Time: March 12, 2012 9:15 AM to 2:15 PM

Inspectors: David Domingo (EPA), Craig Borrenpohl (IDEQ,

Pocatello) and Wayne Crowther (IDEQ, Pocatello)

Weather: Sunny

Purpose: Determination of compliance with the NPDES Permit and

the Clean Water Act

III. <u>Inspection Entry</u>

This was an announced inspection. Mr. Richard Mayer, Public Works Director, was contacted the week prior to the March 12th inspection date and emailed a copy of the status report developed by EPA (see Attachment C).

I met Mr. Mayer at City Hall at approximately 9:00 AM.

I presented my credentials and discussed the purpose of the visit with Mr. Mayer prior to the inspection. I was not denied access to the Facility.

I was accompanied throughout the inspection by Mr. Mayer.

IV. Inspection Chronology

On March 12, 2012, the inspection began with an entry interview, followed by a file review and tour of the Facility which is located on the east side of the City at 2695 West 1750 South (see Attachment A). The Facility tour included an inspection of the treatment units and a review of the sample collection and analytical procedures at the onsite laboratory. As part of the file review, the Facility's quality assurance plan (QAP), the operation and maintenance (O&M) manual and discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) were reviewed. Mr. Mayer is the lead, certified operator responsible for sample collection and onsite analysis. Mr. Mayer is also responsible for filling out and signing the DMRs.

The inspection then concluded with an exit interview where I pointed out the areas of concern I observed during the inspection.

V. Owner and Operator Information

The Facility is currently owned and operated by the City of Aberdeen, Idaho.

VI. Background

The permit authorizes the Facility to discharge through outfall 001 to Aberdeen Drain which flows to American Falls Reservoir. Based on the September 2006 permit reapplication submitted by the City, the Facility receives wastewater primarily from local residents and commercial establishments. The current service population is approximately 1,827 and the Facility has a design flow of 0.6 million gallons per day (MGD) and an actual annual average daily flow of 0.477 MGD

The collection system is 100% separated sanitary sewer.

VII. Waste Management Process

The Facility is a mechanical treatment plant in which influent flows through a comminutor, Parshall flume and then through a pair of screw pumps. Wastewater then flows through a circular rotating fine screen, ABF tower, aeration basin, secondary clarifier and chlorine disinfection prior to discharging to the Aberdeen Drain. According to Mr. Mayer, the final filters have never been used as part of the treatment process since he began working at the Facility in the 1990's.

At the time of inspection, all treatment units were operational. See Attachment B for photo documentation of the units.

VIII. Facility Sample Collection and Analyses

The sample collection and onsite analyses are conducted by several individuals including Mr. Mayer.

The parameters analyzed onsite using monitoring equipment include flow, pH, total residual chlorine (TRC), temperature and dissolved oxygen.

Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), total suspended solids (TSS), total ammonia, nitrate-nitrite, total kjeldahl nitrogen, total phosphate and *Escherichia coli* (E. coli) analyses for samples collected from the Facility are analyzed by an outside laboratory (i.e. IAS Enviro-Chem, 3314 Poleline Road, Pocatello, ID 83201 Ph: (208) 237-3300.

See Attachment B for photo documentation of the City's QAP.

IX. Areas of Concern

This inspection included a review of the treatment system, the sample collection and analyses procedures, and documentation required by the Permit. During the course of this inspection, I observed and identified the following areas of concern:

A. Part I.A (Table 1) of the Permit specifies that the permittee must sample for biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), total suspended solids (TSS), total ammonia, nitrate-nitrite and total phosphorus by collecting 24-hour composite samples. Part VI of the Permit specifies that a "24-hour composite" sample shall mean a flow proportioned mixture of not less than eight discrete aliquots. At the time of the inspection, the City was collecting time proportioned samples (i.e. ~ 100-150 ml every hour). My concern is the City was not collecting flow proportioned 24-hour composite samples as specified in Part I.A of the Permit.

- B. Quality Assurance Plan (QAP) Part I.D of the Permit specifies that the permittee develop and implement a quality assurance plan (QAP) for all monitoring required by the Permit. At a minimum, the QAP must include the following:
 - a. Protocols for sampling techniques (field blanks, replicates, duplicates, control samples, etc.),
 - b. Sample preservation methods,
 - c. Sample shipment procedures,
 - d. Instrument calibration procedures and preventive maintenance (frequency, standard, spare parts), and
 - e. Qualification and training of personnel.

In addition, the permittee must use the EPA approved quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) and chain-of-custody procedures described in *EPA's Requirements* for Quality Assurance Project Plans, EPA-QA/R-5 and Guidance for Quality Assurance Project Plans, EPA QA/G-5. At the time of the inspection, the following deficiencies were noted regarding the QAP:

- a. Sample preservation temperatures are not consistent with the most recent EPA approved methods (i.e. \leq 6°C for BOD, TSS, NH₃... or \leq 10°C for E. coli but not frozen).
- b. The correct EPA approved method, detection limit and holding time for E. coli were not identified (i.e. EPA 1103.1, 1 CFU / 100 ml and 6 hours).
- c. Sample preservation must include pH < 2 in addition to H_2SO_4 for NH_3 , TP, $NO_3...$
- d. The correct EPA approved method detection limit for dissolved oxygen was not identified (i.e. 0.1 mg/l for membrane electrode method).
- e. Protocols for sampling techniques for onsite analysis of pH, TRC, temperature and dissolved oxygen were not included.

In addition, the City did not retain chain-of-custody forms for samples sent to the contract laboratory as required in Part III.F of the Permit.

My concerns are that the QAP did not include all the requirements specified in Part I.D of the Permit, the City did follow EPA approved chain-of-custody procedures for sample collection, handling and preservation prior to transport to the treatment plant and the City failed to retain records of all monitoring information (i.e. chain-of-custody forms) as specified in Part III.F of the Permit. Consequently, the City cannot adequately demonstrate that they are following EPA approved methods as required in Part III.B of the Permit (e.g., samples received within specified holding times and sample preservation temperatures). Furthermore, the sample results may not be representative of the volume and nature of the monitored discharge pursuant to Part III.A of the Permit.

C. Operation and Maintenance Plan Part I.E of the Permit specifies that within 120 days after the effective date of the Permit, the permittee develop an Operation and Maintenance plan and ensure that it includes appropriate Best Management Practices

- (BMPs). BMPs must include measures that prevent or minimize the potential for the release of pollutants to American Falls Reservoir. The plan shall be retained on site and made available to EPA upon request. At the time of the inspection, no BMPs were specified in the plan. My concern is that the plan does not include all the requirements specified in Part I.E of the Permit.
- D. <u>Design Criterion</u> Part I.E.3 of the Permit specifies that the permittee must compute an annual average value for flow entering the facility based on the previous twelve months data. If the average annual value exceeds 85% of the design criterion value, the permittee must develop a facility plan and schedule within one year from the date of the first exceedance. At the time of the inspection, the City was comparing monthly flow values to the 85% threshold (i.e. 0.51 MGD) instead of actually calculating the annual average flow based upon the previous twelve months data. My concern is that the City was not calculating the annual average flow as specified in Part I.E.3 of the Permit.
- E. Reporting of Monitoring Results Parts III.B and V.E of the Permit specify that the permittee must summarize monitoring results each month on the DMR and sign and certify that the DMRs are true, accurate and complete. At the time of the inspection, the February 2012 DMR was reviewed along with the corresponding analytical data (i.e., operator's daily log book, certificate of analysis...). The following deficiencies were noted:
 - a. Monthly average BOD and TSS loadings were calculated using the average monthly flow instead of the corresponding flow on the days sampling occurred.
 - b. TRC weekly average was reported as 1.83 lb/day, however the highest weekly average was 1.65 lb/day.
 - c. TRC weekly average calculations for the first and last weeks of the month did not include all monitoring results within the calendar week. The calculations for these two weeks incorporated monitoring results within the calendar month (i.e. weekly average for the first week was based on concentration and loadings results for February 1-3; weekly average for the last week was based on concentration and loadings results for February 27-29).
 - d. E. coli result for February 1, 2012 was not included in the monthly benchsheet and in the monthly geometric mean calculation.

My concern is that the City failed to submit true, accurate and complete DMRs as required in Parts III.B and V.E of the Permit.

F. <u>Signatory Requirements</u> Part V.E of the Permit specifies that all reports required by the Permit and other information requested by the Director shall be signed by the ranking elected official (i.e. mayor) or by a duly authorized representative of that person. At the time of the inspection, Mr. Mayer had signed the 2006 permit application and the monthly DMRs. The City and EPA have no written authorization

- stating Mr. Mayer as a duly authorized representative. My concern is the permittee has not provided written authorization as specified in Part V.E of the Permit.
- G. Operation and Maintenance Part IV.E of the Permit specifies that the permittee must at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. The 7.0 and 10.0 pH buffers used to calibrate the onsite pH meter had an expiration date of February 2012 and February 2011, respectively. In addition, the temperature of the influent and effluent composite samplers is not recorded; therefore the City cannot demonstrate proper sample preservation (i.e. $\leq 6^{\circ}$ C) while composite samples are collected. My concern is that the City did not follow appropriate quality assurance procedures in accordance with Part IV.E of the Permit. Furthermore, this failure may have lead to samples results that are not representative of the nature and flow of the discharge as required in Part III.A of the Permit.

X. Additional Observations

- A. Reporting of Monitoring Results Part I.A of the Permit specifies weekly averages for BOD, TSS and TRC. The City has not clearly defined a calendar week (e.g. Monday to Sunday; Saturday to Friday, etc.) to assist in calculating weekly averages for these parameters.
- B. <u>Representative Sampling</u> Part III.A of the Permit specifies samples and measurements must be representative of the volume and nature of the discharge. At the time of the inspection, I noted that total residual chlorine meter currently used at the Facility may not provide a representative measurement.
- C. <u>Noncompliance Reporting</u> Part II.H of the Permit specifies that the permittee must report all instances of noncompliance, not required to be reported within 24 hours, at the time the DMRs are submitted. During the inspection, I explain to Mr. Mayer how this condition applies to the deficiencies noted above and that the City must submit a written notice with the DMR in accordance with Part II.H of the Permit.
- D. Inconsistencies in Permit and preprinted DMRs Part I.A of the Permit currently on EPA Region 10's website specifies a weekly average limit of 200 / 100 ml and sample frequency of 5/week (Monday Friday). The City provided copies of the signed Permit and previous correspondence from EPA (dated September 26, 2001 and February 27, 2002) which indicated a compliance schedule for TRC has been added, E. coli monitoring has been revised, fecal coliform is no longer required and units of measure for TRC should be mg/l not μg/l. The signed Permit and preprinted DMRs used by the City have μg/l for TRC. The preprinted DMRs have the weekly average limit and monitoring for fecal coliform.

XI. Inspection Sampling

Samples were not collected by EPA at the time of this inspection.

Report Completion Date: 3/28/12

Lead Inspector Signature:

ATTACHMENT A

Aerial Photographs

City of Aberdeen, Idaho Wastewater Treatment Facility

(March 12, 2012 Inspection)



Aerial photograph of the City of Aberdeen, ID wastewater treatment plant. Facility is located on the east side of the city and discharges effluent to the Aberdeen Drain which flows into American Reservoir.



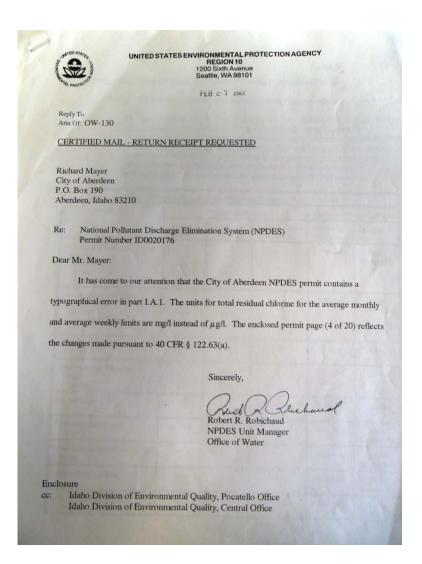
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ATTACHMENT B

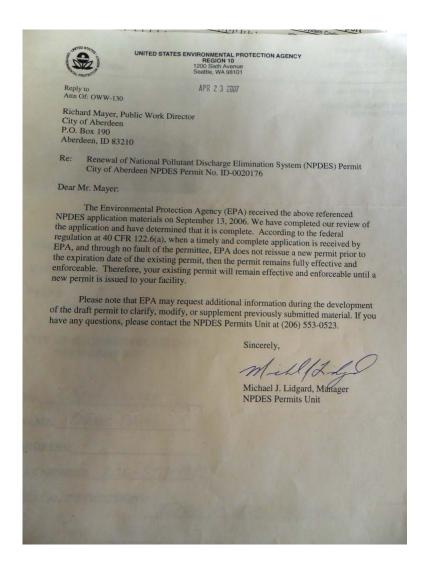
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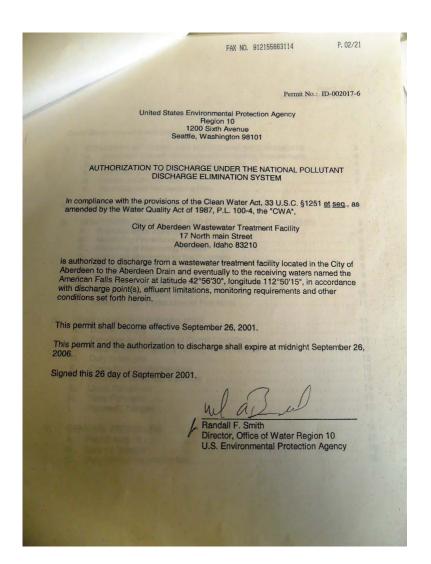
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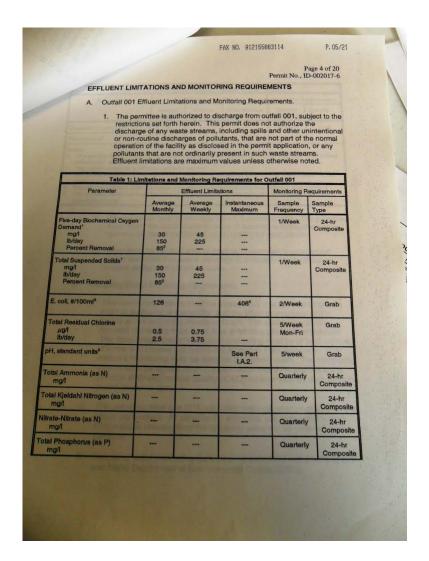
Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the February 27, 2002 letter from EPA stating that the unit of measure for the average monthly and average weekly concentration limits for total residual chlorine is mg/l not μ g/l.



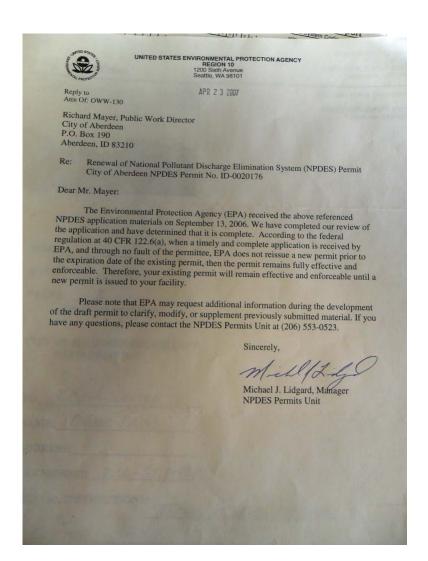
Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at a the September 26, 2001 fax from EPA indicating the changes to the final final which include the addition of a compliance schedule in Part I.C, revision to the sample frequency for E. coli and deletion of fecal coliform monitoring.



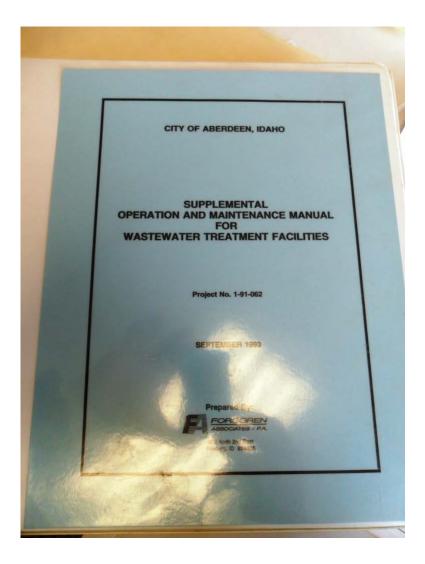
Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the signatory page for the final permit.



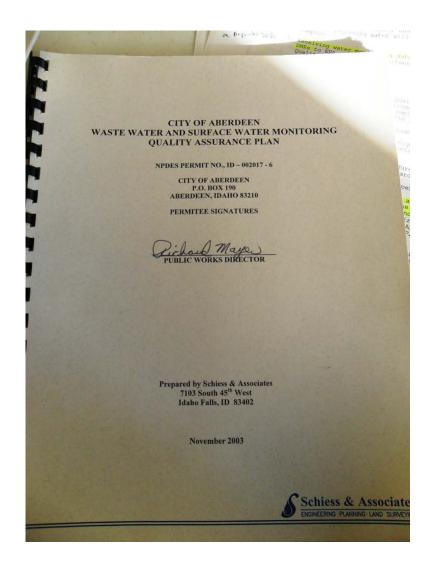
Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at Table 1 of the final permit. Note the sample frequency for E. coli is two times per week and fecal coliform monitoring is not required.



Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the April 23, 2007 letter from EPA stating that the permit is administratively extended.



Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the operation and maintenance manual for the Facility.



Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the QAP for the Facility.

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Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	EPA 160.2	2	Cool to 4 °C	7 Days
E. Coli Bacteria	ASTM 1103.1	2 CFU / 100 ml	Sodium Thiosulfate	8 Hours
Total Ammonia as	EPA 350.3	0.03	Cool to 4 °C, H₂SO₄	28 Days
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (as N)	EPA 351.1	0.5	Cool to 4 °C, H ₂ SO ₄	28 Days
Nitrate/Nitrite (as N)	EPA 300.0	0.5	Cool to 4 °C, H ₂ SO ₄	48 hours
Total Phosphorus (as P)	EPA 365.2	0.05	Cool to 4 °C, H ₂ SO ₄	28 Days
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Flow (MGD)	NA	NA	None Required	Recorded
рН	EPA 150.1	NA	None Required	Analyze Immedi
Temperature (°C)	EPA 170.1	NA	None Required	Analyze Immed
Total Residual Chlorine	EPA 330.5	.02 mg/L	None Required	Analyze Immed
Dissolved Oxygen	EPA 360.1	0 mg/L	None Required	Analyze Immed

Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at Table 3 of the QAP. Note the sample preservation temperatures are not consistent with the most recent EPA approved methods (i.e. \leq 6° for BOD, TSS... or \leq 10°C for E. coli). Also, the correct EPA approved method, detection limit and holding time for E. coli are EPA 1103.1, 1 CFU / 100 ml and 6 hours, respectively. Sample preservation must include pH < 2 in addition to H_2SO_4 .

Table 4. RECEIVING WATERS (ABERDEEN DRAIN) Sampling Methods and Handling Procedures Method Parameter Maximum Holding Method **Detection Limits** Preservation mg/L **Outside Laboratory** Total Ammonia Cool to 4 °C, EPA 350.3 0.03 28 Days H₂SO₄ n-house Laboratory Flow (MGD) NA None Required NA Recorded EPA 150.1 NA Analyze Immediately Temperature EPA 170.1 NA None Required Analyze Immediately Total Residual EPA 330.5 .02 mg/L None Required Chlorine

Sewage sludge will be handled and disposed of as necessary in accordance with the "Sludge Management Requirements" as set forth in the NPDES permit.

.0 DATA VALIDATION

he following is a list of procedures to help ensure that the data used is accurate:

- Verify proper collection and preservation of samples.
- Verify that samples are collected at the required frequency.
- Verify that samples analyzed on-site are analyzed immediately.
- Verify that samples are transported to Intermountain Analytical Services as soon as
 possible so that samples can be analyzed within the required holding times.
- Verify that approved test methods are used when required.
- Check instrument calibration.
- Repeat analysis if there are doubts about accuracy.
- Repeat analysis if samples are not analyzed within the required holding times.
- Record an explanation, if possible, for any results that are out of range.
- Verify that there are not transcription or calculation errors.

Enviro-Chem has implemented their own in-house Quality Assurance Plan to ensure lytical results are accurate, reliable, and traceable. A copy of IAS Enviro-Chem's QAP is uded in the Appendix.

INTERNAL QUALITY CONTROL CHECKS

Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at Table 3 of the QAP. Note the sample preservation is not consistent with the most recent EPA approved methods (i.e. $< 6^{\circ}$ for NH₃ and pH < 2 in addition to H₂SO₄).

Monitoring Report Quality

these sample points.

Table 2.

Receiving Water	Receiving Waters Monitoring Requirements (Aberdeen Drain)									
Parameter	Sample Location	Sample Frequency	Sample Type							
Flow	Gauging Station	Quarterly	Grab							
Ammonia	Upstream	Quarterly	Grab							
рН	Upstream	Quarterly	Grab							
Temperature	Upstream	Quarterly	Grab							
Total Residual Chlorine	Downstream	Quarterly	Grab							

3.3 Sampling Procedures

Samples for the specific monitoring requirements are collected by the operations staff at the Aberdeen WWTF. Samples are collected in a manner that will give an accurate representation of the wastewater being monitored. Influent and effluent samples are collected as specified in the NPDES permit. Flow, temperature, pH, total residual chlorine, and dissolved oxygen are all measured on-site at the Aberdeen WWTF. Flow readings are taken from the facility effluent flow meter. Temperature and pH are measured using a Beckman model 61 pH meter. Total residual chlorine is measured with a Hach Pocket Colorimeter II. Dissolved Oxygen is measured using a YSI Model 51B. These are grab samples collected in polyethylene containers.

The influent and effluent samples for BODs. TSS, Ammonia, Kjeldahl nitrogen, nitratenitrite, and total phosphorus are 24-hour composites collected with Sigma Composite Samplers. E-Coli is a grab sample. These samples are transported to IAS Enviro-Chem in Pocatello, Idaho for analysis. The address for IAS Enviro-Chem is:

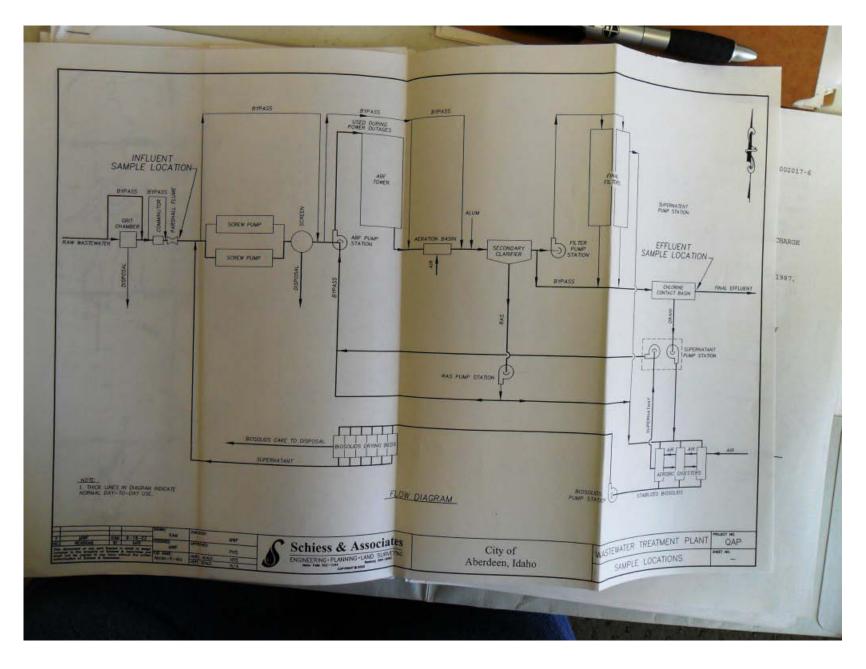
> IAS Enviro-Chem 3314 Poleline Road Pocatello, Idaho 83201 Phone: (208) 237-3300 Fax (208) 237-3336

Clean polyethylene sample bottles are provided by IAS Enviro-Chem. A clean, sterile bottle containing sodium thiosulfate is provided for E-Coli samples.

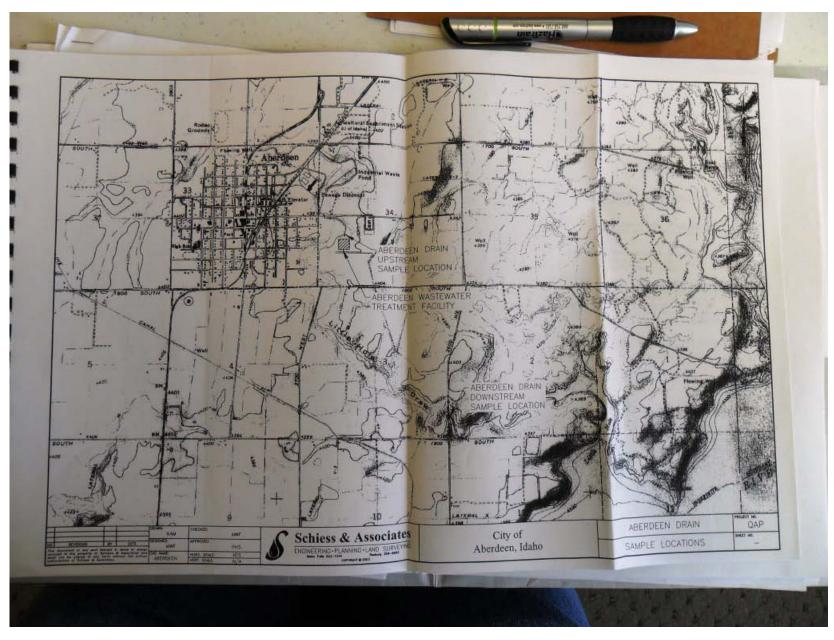
The sampler from the Aberdeen WWTF is responsible for labeling each sample with sample location, type of sample, date, time of collection, and name of the sampler. T same information is also recorded on a chain-of-custody form provided by IAS EnviroChem. A chain-of-custody form is also included in the Appendix in IAS Enviro-Che

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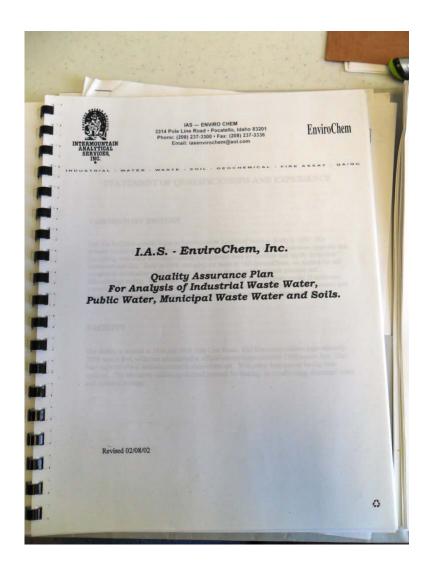
Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at sampling procedures specified the QAP.



Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the process flow diagram which indicates the influent and effluent monitoring locations at the Facility.



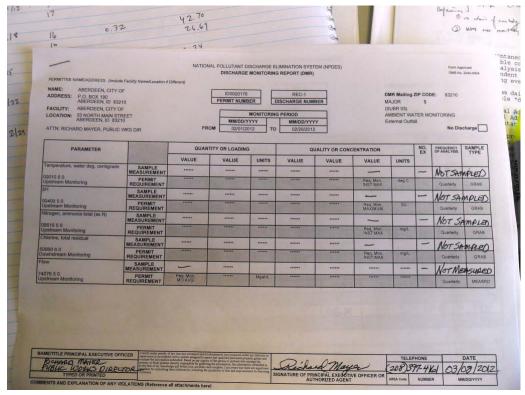
Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the map indicating the receiving water monitoring locations.



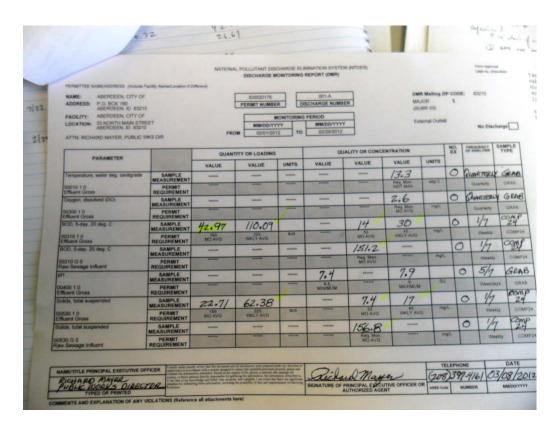
Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the QAP for the City's contract lab, IAS EnviroChem, Inc.

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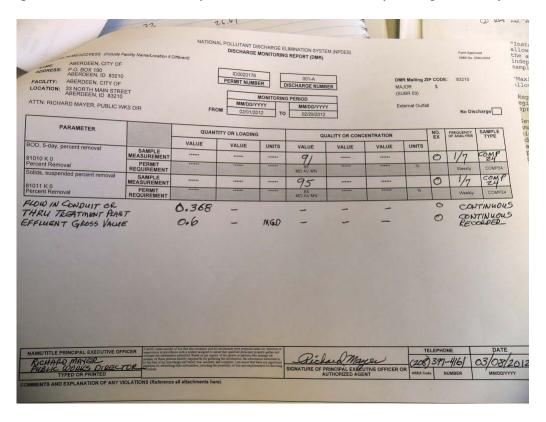
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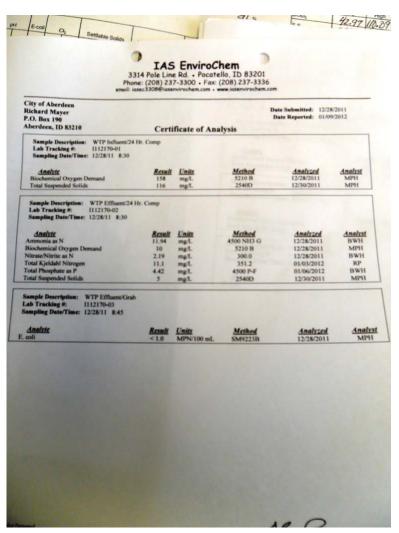
Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the February 2012 DMR. Note the City used the average monthly flow of 0.368 mgd to calculate the average monthly loadings for BOD and TSS instead of using the corresponding flow on the day sampling occurred.

AMME: ABERDEEN, CITY OF ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 190 ABERDEEN, ID 83211 FACILITY: ABERDEEN, CITY OF LOCATION: 33 NORTH MAIN ST ABERDEEN, D 83211 ATTN: RICHARD MAYER, PUBLIC V	DEET)	F	ID0020176 PERMIT NUM MM/DD/\(\) ROM 02/01/2	MONITORII YYYY	DISCHARGE NUM NG PERIOD MM/DD/YYY O 02/29/201:	rr T	MA (SL	R Mailing ZI JOR JBR 03) JBR 03)	\$	E: 83210	harge
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Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the February 2012 DMR. Note the preprinted DMR includes fecal coliform monitoring and limit. The DMR is not consistent with Table 1 of the final permit (see photo above). Also, the City did not calculate the weekly average correctly.



Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the February 2012 DMR. Note the City reports flow on the DMR. According to Mr. Mayer, the City reported average monthly flow (i.e. 0.368 mgd) and maximum daily flow (i.e. 0.6 mgd).



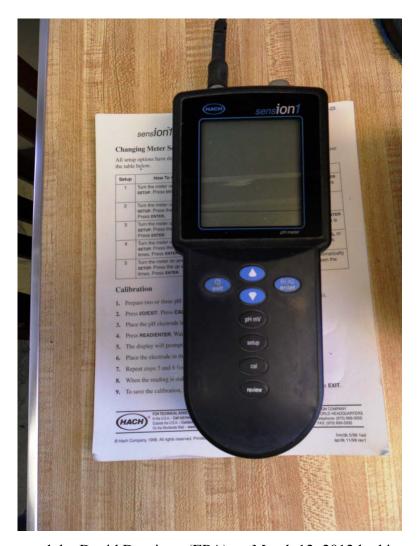
Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the certificate of analysis for influent and effluent samples collected on December 28, 2011. Note the City monitored and reported the quarterly results for those parameters specified in Table 1 of the permit.

Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the December 2011 DMR. Note the City monitored and reported the quarterly results for those parameters specified in Table 1 of the permit.

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Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at a photo of construction during the last facility upgrade in 1991. The photo is located at the current Facility.



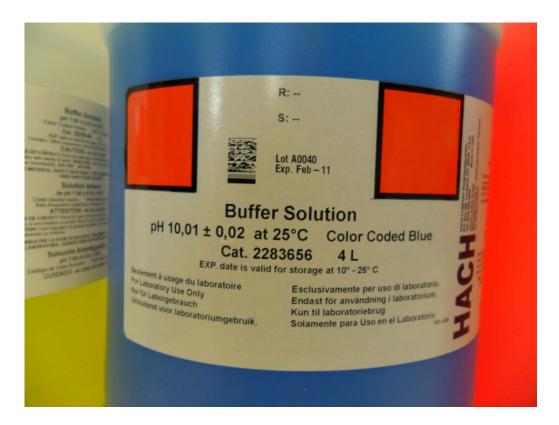
Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the pH meter for the Facility.



Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the probe for the pH meter.



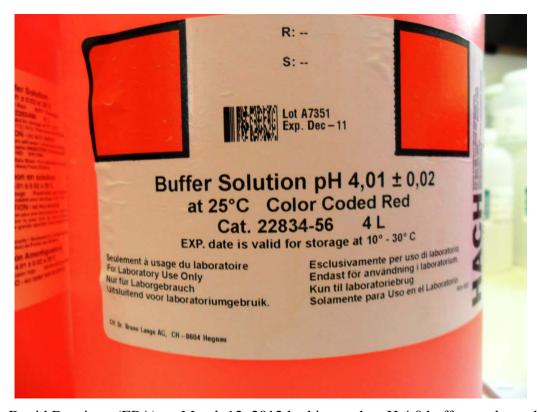
Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the pH 7.0 buffer used to calibrate the meter. Note the expiration date of February 2012.



Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the pH 10.0 buffer used to calibrate the meter. Note the expiration date of February 2011.



Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the pH 4.0 buffer used to calibrate the meter. Note the lot number A0040 and expiration date of February 2014.



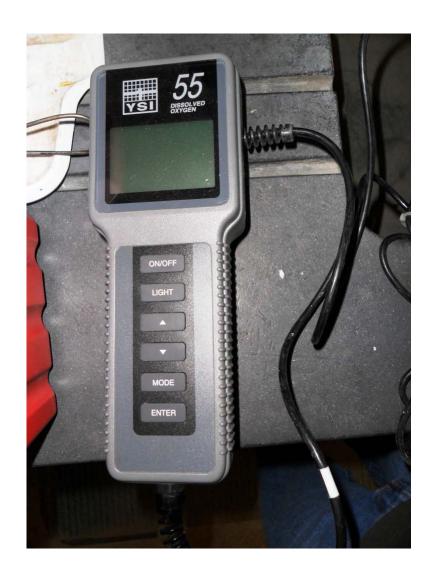
Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the pH 4.0 buffer used to calibrate the meter. Note the lot number A7351 and expiration date of December 2011.



Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the total residual chlorine (TRC) meter for the Facility.



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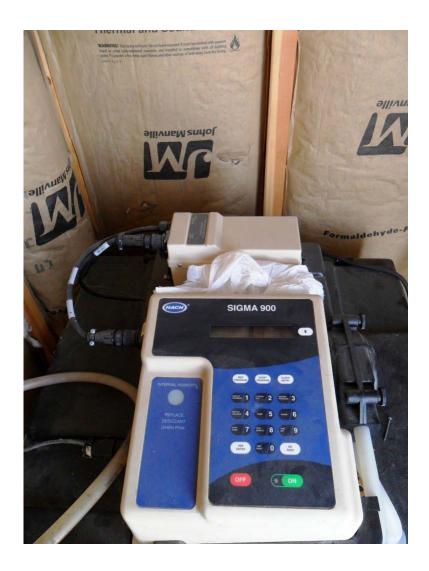
Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the dissolved oxygen meter for the Facility.



Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at wastewater as it enters the Facility. Influent passes through the comminutor and then to the influent flow and sampling location. According to Mr. Mayer, flow can be diverted around the comminutor through the manual bar screen if necessary.



Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking south at the influent flow and sampling location. Wastewater flows from the comminutor through this location to the screw pumps located in the background (top of photo).



Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the Sigma 900 composite influent sampler. According to Mr. Mayer, the sampler is programmed to take \sim 100-150 ml every hour.

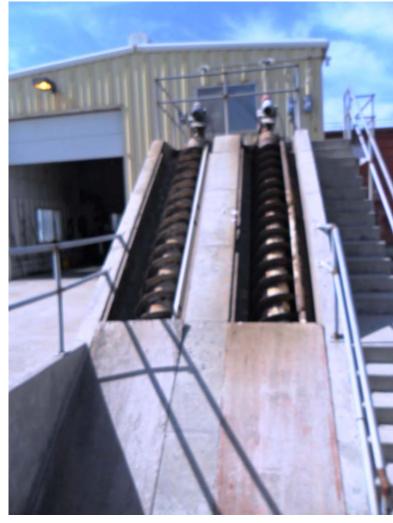


Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the recording sheet for the influent sampler. Note the sheet does not identify the sample preservation temperature.



Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the influent sampler. According to Mr. Mayer, the samplers are refrigerator during collection and the temperature is monitored using the thermometer.





Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking south at the two screw pumps. Wastewater flows from this unit to the fine screen.

Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the two screw pumps. Wastewater flows from this unit to the fine screen.





Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the fine screen. Solids from the unit are handled by the county and disposed of with the municipal solid waste. Wastewater flows from the screen to the wet well inside the building and then pumped to the ABF tower.

Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the ABF tower. Wastewater flows from the tower to the same wet well located inside the adjacent building.



Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the wet well. Wastewater flows from the screen to the wet well and then pumped to the top of the ABF tower. Wastewater from the ABF tower returns to a different compartment of the wet well where it is pumped to the aeration basins. According to Mr. Mayer, during high flows the wastewater from the ABF tower may exceed the capacity of the applicable compartment inside the wet well and mix with the wastewater being pumped to the top of the ABF tower.



Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking west to north at the aeration basins. Wastewater flows from these basins to the secondary clarifier.





Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at one of the aeration basins. Wastewater flows from the basins to the secondary clarifier.

Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the secondary clarifier. Wastewater flows from the clarifier to the chlorine contact basin.





Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking west at the chlorine contact basin. Wastewater flows from the basin to outfall 001. Effluent flow and sampling occur at the west end of the basin.

Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the effluent flow and sampling location at the west end of the basin.



Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at outfall 001. Wastewater flows from the chlorine contact basin and discharges to Aberdeen Drain through outfall 001.



Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at outfall 001. Wastewater flows from the chlorine contact basin and discharges to Aberdeen Drain through outfall 001.



Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the staff gauge within Aberdeen drain downstream of outfall 001. According to Mr. Mayer, the gauge is used to measure flow within the drain.



Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the 150 lb chlorine gas cylinders used to disinfect the wastewater. The gas is mixed with water and injected prior to the chlorine contact basin.



Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the scale used to monitor the 150 lb chlorine gas cylinder currently in use.



Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the 150 lb chlorine gas cylinders used to disinfect the wastewater. The gas is mixed with water and injected prior to the chlorine contact basin.



Photograph by David Domingo (EPA) on March 12, 2012 looking at the control panel for the Facility.

ATTACHMENT C

Status Report

City of Aberdeen, Idaho Wastewater Treatment Facility

(March 12, 2012 Inspection)

Facility Information	n								
Permit #	ID00201	76							
Name	City of A								
Mayor	•	Anderson							
Mailing Address	PO Box								
Walling Hadress		n, ID 83210							
Facility Address		est 1750 South							
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Receiving water		n Drain to Amer	ican Falls Res	servoir					
Population	1,994	I Brum to rimer	Today 1 days 110.	,61 (611					
Previous Letters		er 15, 2004 NOV	/ Concerning	Inspection by I	DEO & DMRs				
Permit Review	December	21 13, 2001110	Concerning	inspection by I	DEQ & DIVING				
Permit Signed	Sentemb	er 26, 2001							
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Permit Expired		er 26, 2006							
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Surface Water									
Monitoring Report	·s								
DMR Review	.5								
DMR Review Date	March 20	007 – December	2011						
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Signatory	Richard	Mayer Public W	Jorks Director	· is signed off o	n the Permit ar	pplication received			
Signator y		er 13, 2006 & D							
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Requirements						eceived May 17,			
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DMRs sent late	None								
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5/2007	fecal	NA	200/100ml	Wkly Geo
6/2007	fecal	NA	200/100ml	Wkly Geo
7/2007	fecal	NA	200/100ml	Wkly Geo
8/2007	fecal	NA	200/100ml	Wkly Geo
9/2007	fecal	NA	200/100ml	Wkly Geo
10/2007	fecal	NA	200/100ml	Wkly Geo
11/2007	fecal	NA	200/100ml	Wkly Geo
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DMRs within last 5 years

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Flow on DMRs	Flows values written on DMRs – unclear if daily maximum and/or average monthly results.
Design Criteria	Design criterion is annual average flow of 0.6 mgd. Each month, permittee must compute annual average value for flow entering the facility based on previous 12 months.
REC quarterly (Temp, pH, Ammonia, TRC, flow)	 12/11 (unable to do any upstream sampling and/or measurement due to lack of flow), 9/11 (sampled), 6/11 (sampled), 3/11 (unable to do any upstream sampling and/or measurement due to lack of flow) 2010: 12/10 (unable to do any upstream sampling and/or measurement due to lack of flow), 9/10 (sampled), 6/10 (sampled), 3/10 (unable to do any upstream sampling and/or measurement due to lack of flow) 2009: 12/09 (unable to do any upstream sampling and/or measurement due to a lack of flow), 9/09 (sampled), 6/09, (sampled), 3/09 (unable to do any upstream sampling and/or measurement due to a lack of flow) 2008: 12/08 (not measured due to lack of upstream flow), 9/08 (sampled), 6/08 (sampled), 3/08 (no upstream flow or receiving waters, unable to sample or measure) 2007: 12/07 (could not sample or measure because of lack of upstream flow), 9/07 (sampled), 6/07 (sampled), 3/07 (no upstream flow in receiving waters to sample or measure)
001 A quarterly (Temp, DO, Ammonia, Kjeldahl, nitrite + nitrate, phosphorus)	 2011: 12/11, 11/11 (only temp & DO), 10/11 (only temp & DO), 9/11, 8/11 (only temp & DO), 7/11 (only temp & DO), 6/11, 5/11 (only temp & DO), 4/11 (only temp & DO), 3/11, 2/11 (only temp & DO), 1/11 (only temp & DO) 2010: 12/10, 11/10 (only temp & DO), 10/10 (only temp & DO), 9/10, 8/10 (only temp & DO), 7/10 (only temp & DO), 6/10, 5/10 (only temp & DO), 4/10 (only temp & DO), 3/10, 2/10 (only temp & DO), 1/10 (only temp & DO) 2009: 12/09, 11/09 (only temp & DO), 10/09 (only temp & DO), 9/09, 8/09 (only temp & DO), 7/09 (only temp & DO), 6/09, 5/09 (only temp & DO), 4/09 (only temp & DO), 3/09, 2/09 (only temp & DO), 1/09 (only temp & DO) 2008: 12/08, 11/08 (only temp & DO), 10/08 (only temp & DO), 9/08, 8/08 (only temp & DO), 7/08 (only temp & DO), 6/08, 5/08 (only temp & DO), 4/08 (only temp & DO), 3/08, 2/08 (only temp & DO), 1/08 (only temp & DO) 2007: 12/07, 11/07 (only temp & DO), 10/07 (only temp & DO), 9/07, 8/07 (only temp & DO), 7/07 (only temp & DO), 6/07, 5/07 (only temp & DO), 4/07 (only temp & DO), 3/07, 2/07 (only temp & DO), 1/07 (only temp & DO)
Inspection Review	
Inspection Date	July 22, 2009
Inspector Pv	Jennifer Wester
Inspected By On Site	IDEQ Dishord Mayor Dublic Works Director (208) 207, 4161
	Richard Mayer, Public Works Director (208) 397-4161
Representative	Justin Wilson, Wastewater Operator
Inspection	Some of old structures were deteriorating The influence of the increase and formation and the time of the increase in the control of the control
Commentary	The influent grit box was not functioning at the time of the inspection

•	"the age of the system coupled with the facility consistently operating near or
	above the peak daily flow may be signs of an underperforming treatment plant"

- Figure 8 shows a clarifier not functioning properly (signs of algae problems)
- Figure 11 shows high turbidity in the plant effluent water
 Taking efforts to upgrade plant

Month	Pollutant	Effluent Limitation	Value Reported in DMR	Limit Type
July 2007	TRC	0.50 mg/l	0.51 mg/l	Monthly Average
February 2008	TRC	0.50 mg/l	0.505 mg/l	Monthly Average
April 2008	TRC	0.50 mg/l	0.505 mg/l	Monthly Average
July 2009	E. coli	406 / 100ml	2,419 / 100ml	Instantaneous Maximum
July 2009	TRC	0.50 mg/l	0.51 mg/l	Monthly Average

Permit Violations: Effluent Limit Exceedances

Month	Pollutant	Effluent Limitation	Value Reported in DMR	Limit Type
		Limitation	III DNIK	
February 2008	TSS	30 mg/l	87.3 mg/l	Monthly Average
February 2008	TSS	45 mg/l	127 mg/l	Weekly Average
November 2008	TSS	220 lbs/day	257 lbs/day	Monthly Average
November 2008	TSS	330 lbs/day	620 lbs/day	Weekly Average
November 2008	TSS	30 mg/l	85.4 mg/l	Monthly Average
November 2008	TSS	45 mg/l	206 mg/l	Weekly Average
November 2008	TSS	85%	75.9%	Monthly Average